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In re Patent Application of:

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**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 30, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and a petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 30, 2006. Accordingly, this RCE and response are timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in conditions for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.**

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